



Boys Football Knockout Cup Entry Information 2023

Dates

| Round | Random Draw* | Begins | Ends |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Round 1 | Wednesday 26 April | Monday 1 May | Friday 12 May |
| Round 2 | Wednesday 17 May | Monday 22 May | Friday 2 June |
| Quarter Finals | Wednesday 7 June | Monday 12 June | Friday 23 June |
| Semi Finals | Wednesday 12 July | Monday 17 July | Friday 28 July |
| Finals | N/A | Friday 16 August | N/A |

*College Sport Auckland will endeavour to host live random draws via Zoom on the dates above, however these dates are subject to change. Schools will be informed before each live draw takes place.

Grades

- Senior (under 19 on 1 January of the current season)
- 15th Grade (under 16 on 1 January of the current season)
- 13th Grade (under 14 on 1 January of the current season)

Format

- Other than any preliminary rounds that may be needed, the Knockout Cup will be organised as a random open draw and will be re-drawn by College Sport Auckland at the end of each round.
- The Premier teams will come into the Knockout Cup round 2 (Mon 22 May).

Playing Days & Times

- Games must be played within the timeframes above.
- The draw will initially show the earliest playing date for that round and will be updated once the host school confirms their playing date, kick off time, and venue with College Sport Auckland.

Entries

- Entries must be submitted in [EnterNOW](#) by 11.59pm, Tuesday 4 April 2023.
- Schools may only enter one team per grade.

Team Management

- Refer to College Sport Auckland [Bylaw](#) 14: Supervision of Students.

Results

- It is the school's responsibility to submit and check results in SportsRunner.
- Results can be submitted straight after each fixture on the College Sport Auckland app – see your sports department for more information.

Rules

1. This competition shall be governed by the College Sport Auckland [Bylaws](#).
2. Students may only play in one Knockout Cup competition i.e. 13th Grade, 15th Grade or Senior. If a student's name appears on a Knockout Cup team card, he will be deemed to have played in that grade and therefore ineligible to play in any other grade.
3. All games will be played under the [2022/2023 IFAB Laws of the Game](#) with exceptions outlined below.
4. **Size of ball:** All grades will use a size 5 ball.
5. **Duration of games:** Senior & 15th Grade games will consist of two spells of 40 minutes each way (30 minutes each way for 13th Grade). If at the end of normal time the result is a draw, extra time of 10 minutes each way will be played (5 minutes each way for 13th Grade). If the result is still a draw at the end of extra time, a penalty shootout according to FIFA rules will be played.
6. **Substitutes:** Senior teams will be allowed to use four substitutes from the five listed. All other teams will be allowed to use four rolling substitutes.
7. **Referees:** Schools will need to organise their own referees. Where a referee fails to turn up, or where no referee has been appointed, teams shall mutually agree before kick off on a referee, or each team will be responsible for supplying a referee for half the game.
8. **Playing colours:** In all cases of likely clash of playing colours, the away team shall change its colours for the match. On a neutral ground, the team on the right of the draw will change.
9. **Coaching:** No coaching shall be allowed behind the goal lines.
10. **Disciplinary code:** For matches with one or more officials supplied by AFF or NFF, the NZF Disciplinary Code will apply. There will be no monetary fines levied against secondary school players.
11. **Suspensions & appeals:**
 - a. Suspensions must be served immediately and are not reliant on receipt of a referee's report. Schools are responsible for ensuring this happens. Where possible, College Sport Auckland, under advice from AFF/NFF, will notify schools of suspensions.
 - b. Suspensions apply to the next College Sport Auckland Season or Knockout Cup game.
 - c. Schools found not to be applying suspensions will forfeit the match and lose by default.
 - d. At the conclusion of the season, accumulated cautions will be cancelled. However, suspensions may be carried over into the next season, depending on the severity of the suspension. This will be decided by the disciplinary committee made up of College Sport Auckland, ASSFA, AFF and NFF.
 - e. Any appeals and off-field incidents will be dealt with by College Sport Auckland.
12. **Senior field requirements:**
 - a. The field is to be properly marked.
 - b. Goal nets and corner flags are compulsory.
 - c. The field is to be roped off on both sides including the technical area.
 - d. No supporters are allowed inside the roped off area.
 - e. No one is allowed behind the goal line at either end unless the playing area is fully fenced.

Referees should not start the game until the above field requirements are met.

